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Note of the Administrator

Summary

The present note contains information on the first two-year extensions of the second country cooperation framework (CCF) for Mexico, the country programme for Timor-Leste (table 1) and a requested two-year extension of the regional cooperation framework (RCF) for Latin America and the Caribbean (table 2). The Governments of Mexico and Timor-Leste requested the two-year extensions to their respective country programmes.

In accordance with established procedures, the Administrator approves the first one-year extension of CCFs while requests for second-year or two-year extensions are submitted to the Board for approval. Also included in this note are two requests for exceptional third-year extensions for the country programmes of Chile and Uruguay. The reason for these requests, made by the Governments of Chile and Uruguay, are noted in table 3.

The Executive Board may wish to approve: (a) the two-year extensions of the second CCF for Mexico and the country programme for Timor-Leste; (b) the extension of the RCF for Latin America and the Caribbean by two years from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2007; and (c) the exceptionally requested third-year extensions of the second country cooperation frameworks for Chile and Uruguay.

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Table 1. Extensions of CCFs or country programmes for Executive Board approval

Country	Years covered by original CCF or country programme	Year(s) covered by any extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation	
				2nd one year	Two years	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development
Mexico	2002-2005	-	2006-2007		X	To align the UNDP programming period with the agreed United Nations programming period scheduled to begin in January 2008.	The Government has requested the United Nations to harmonize its cycles coinciding with the next presidential term.
Timor-Leste	2003-2005	-	2006-2007		X	To align the UNDP programming period with the agreed United Nations programming period scheduled to begin in January 2008.	

Table 2. Extensions of RCF for Executive Board approval

Region	Original RCF period	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Reason and explanation
			Implementation and/or other issues
Regional cooperation framework for Latin America and the Caribbean	2001-2005	2006-2007	The majority of countries in Latin America are going through transitions and many are experiencing special political conditions, i.e., reconstruction, electoral processes, and establishment of new priorities for future cooperation. According to the mid-term review by the regional bureau, the priority areas of action within the regional programme continue to be relevant and central to the current needs and challenges in the region. This extension will allow ongoing regional initiatives to be finalized while at the same time enabling the full alignment of the new regional programme with the new UNDP multi-year funding framework (MYFF) period, which starts in January 2008.

Table 3. Exceptional third-year extensions of CCFs for Executive Board approval

Country	Years covered by original CCF or country programme	Year(s) covered by any extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension	Reason and explanation	
				Exceptional 3rd year	United Nations harmonization	Other reasons
Chile	2001-2003	2004-2005	2006	X		The government of Chile has exceptionally requested a third-year extension to the current UNDP country programme for Chile. This request follows a series of changes in the top management of the UNDP country office in Chile, during which preparations for a new country programme were unfortunately not accomplished as intended. However, UNDP has taken corrective action. The delays in preparing a new country programme will, nonetheless, enable consultations to be held with the new Government expected to take office in March 2006, so that a new country programme can be presented to the Executive Board in June 2006.
Uruguay	2001-2003	2004-2005	2006	X	The new Government, which assumed duties on 1 March 2005, is highly interested in ensuring that the whole United Nations system in Uruguay works together. At its request, the Uruguay country team is preparing their common country assessment (CCA) and United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) in 2005, and is aiming for full harmonization of cycles as of 2010. (As the current United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) programme runs from 2005 to 2009, the earliest possible date for harmonization is 2010). The Government of Uruguay, therefore, requests UNDP to adopt a country programme aligned with the CCA/UNDAF that will run from January 2007 to December 2009 to allow for harmonization in 2010.	